Claims:

43. The chemiluminescent substrate of a hydrolytic enzyme, said substrate having the structure

$$R_{3a}$$
 R_{3a}
 R_{2c}
 R_{3b}
 R_{3a}
 R_{2b}
 R_{2b}
 R_{3c}
 R_{3c}
 R_{3d}
 R_{2a}
 R_{2a}
 R_{2a}
 R_{2a}
 R_{2a}

wherein

P is PO3Na2 or a sugar moiety;

M is oxygen;

 R_1 is selected from the group consisting of methyl, sulfopropyl and sulfobutyl;

 $R_{2a},\ R_{2b},\ R_{2c},\ R_{3a},\ R_{3b},\ R_{3c}$ and $R_{3d},$ are hydrogen;

 A^- is a counter ion for the electroneutrality of the quaternary nitrogen of the acridinium compounds, said A^- not being present if said R_1 substituent contains a strongly ionizable group that can form an anion and pair with the quaternary ammonium cationic moiety; and

 ${\tt X}$ is selected from the group consisting of O, N or S, such that,

when X is O or S, Y is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, (2',6'-dimethyl-4'-benzyloxycarbonyl)phenyl, and (2',6'-dimethyl-4'-carboxyl)phenyl; and Z is omitted; and

when X is N, Z is toluenesulfonyl, and Y is carboxypropyl.

44. The chemiluminescent substrate of a hydrolytic enzyme, said substrate having the structure,

wherein

P is PO3Na2 or a sugar moiety;

M is oxygen;

 R_1 is selected from the group consisting of methyl,

sulfopropyl and sulfobutyl;

 R_{2a} , R_{2b} , R_{2c} , R_{3a} , R_{3b} , R_{3c} and R_{3d} , are hydrogen;

 A^* is a counter ion for the electroneutrality of the quaternary nitrogen of the acridinium compounds, said A^* not being present if said R_1 substituent contains a strongly ionizable group that can form an anion and pair with the quaternary ammonium cationic moiety; and

X is 0; Y is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, (2',6'-dimethyl-4'-benzyloxycarbonyl)phenyl, and (2',6'-dimethyl-4'-carboxyl)phenyl; and Z is omitted.

- 45. The chemiluminescent substrate of claim 43, wherein P is PO₃Na₂;
 - X is N, Z is toluenesulfonyl, and Y is carboxypropyl.
- 46. The chemiluminescent substrate of claim 43, wherein P is PO₃Na₂;

X is S; Y is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, (2',6'-dimethyl-4'-benzyloxycarbonyl)phenyl, and (2',6'-dimethyl-4'-carboxyl)phenyl; and Z is omitted.

Generalized Structure for Claim 43:

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1. Search structure examples when X=0. The following five compounds are also disclosed in the examples of the application.

Fig. 1G Fig. 1I

Additional search structure examples when X = Oxygen:

2. Search structure examples, when X = Nitrogen

3. Search structure examples when X = sulfur.